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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE(LOA), ROCKETS AND
ROCKET LAUNCHERS

77 STATE 207894(DTG 310241Z AUG77)

1. BY LETTER DATED 8 MAY 1978, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA
(GOI) HAS FORWARDED A REQUEST FOR 40 ROCKET LAUNCHERS AND
7,400 ROCKETS. A DETAILED LISTING OF THE ITEMS IS CONTAINED
IN PARA 3 BELOW.

2. THE FOLLOWING ARE OUR COMMENTS KEYED TO THE POINTS RAISED
IN PARA 5(E) OF REF A:

A THE GOI HAS INFORMED US THAT THE ROCKET LAUNCHERS
AND RELATED ROCKETS ARE TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
BELL 205A HELICOPTERS.

B. THE PROPOSED SALE OF THE ROCKETS AND ALUNCHERS WILL
ENHANCE THE GOI'S MILITARY PREPAREDNESS BY PROVIDING A
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"CLOSE-IN" AIR SUPPORT CAPABILITY TO INFRANTRY UNTIS THAT
DOES NOT CURENTLY EXIST WITHIN THE ORGANIC ARMY UNTIS.
THIS WEAPONS SYSTEM IS COMPARABLE WITH OTHER SUCH
CAPABILITIES WITHIN ASEAN. ITEMSREQUESTED ARE ON THE
MUNITIONS CONTROL LIST AND FALL WITHIN THE SCOPE OF
THE ARMS TRANSFER POLICY.

C. THE ACQUISITION OF TH ROCKET LAUNCHERS AND

ACCOMPANYING ROCKETS WILL PROVIDE A NEW CAPABILITY TO THE INDONESIAN ARMY. THE INDONESIAN AIR FORCE ALREADY HAS THE CAPABILITY TO USE 2.75 INCH ROCKETS. THE INDONESIAN ARMY IS CAPABLE OF USING AND MAINTAINING THE EQUIPMENT. WE DO ESTIMATE THE POSSIBLE NEED FOR INSTALLATION ASSISTANCE AT ONE(1) OR TWO(2) AMERICAN PERSONNEL. IT IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME IF THESE WOULD BE OFFICIAL OR PRIVATE AMERICANS. WE DO SUSPECT THAT THE ASSISTANCE WOULD BE VIA COMMERCIAL CONTRACT.

D. THE GOI HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL PAY CASH FOR THE LAUNCHERS AND ROCKETS REQUESTED UNDER THIS LOA.

E. WE FORESEE NO ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE GOI ECONOMY AS A RESULT OF THIS PURCHASE.

F. THE PROPOSED SALE FALLS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ARMS TRANSFER POLICY.

G. WE VIEW THIS SALE AS A NORMAL MILITARY PROCUREMENT AND HAVE NO INDICATION THAT IT WOULD MATERIALLY AFFECT HUMAN RIGHTS. WE HAVE AND CONTINUE TO MONITOR END-ITEM UTILIZATION THROUGH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES AND CONTACTS OF COUNTRY TEAM MEMBERS.

H. WE RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THIS SALE.

3. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DESCRIPTION	NSN	QTY EACH
LAUNCHER,ROCKET 2.75	1055008050689	40
ROCKET, HE,2.75 WARHEAD	1340006889	1200

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ROCKET, PRACTICE, 2.75 1340001593309 6200
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